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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Chao-Chueh WU

Serial No.: 10/707,359

Filed: 12/08/2003

For: METHOD OF DOPING SIDEWALL OF ISOLATION TRENCH

## **DECLARATION UNDER RULE 37 CFR §1.131**

Dear Sir:

I, Chao-Chueh Wu, is the named sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## METHOD OF DOPING SIDEWALL OF ISOLATION TRENCH

the specification of which was filed on December 08, 2003 as Application Serial No.: 10/707,359.

I have reviewed and understand the pending Office Action in the above identification application, dated March 3, 2005, which includes a rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated and under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Sheu et al. (US Publication). I have carefully reviewed the cited reference.

I hereby declare that the date of invention is earlier than the filing date of the Sheu patent application which was filed on July 14, 2003; and hence the Sheu patent application should be withdrawn from consideration as citable prior art against the claims of the present invention.

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In order to establish that my invention was conceived before July 14, 2003, and thereafter diligently reduced to practice, I shall rely upon the following documentary evidence attached herefore Exhibit A is the invention disclosure of the present invention bearing a date which is earlier than July 14, 2003. The date of the document proves that the subject matter of the claims is invented before the filing date of the cited reference, but is not intended to show the date of conception.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Declared at Hsinchu, Taiwan

Full Name: Chao-Chueh Wu

Signature: Cho-Chueh Wu Date: April 21, 2005